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SUBJECT: TRAVELLING PRESS SUMMARY, EVENING AUGUST 7

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1. NEWSPAPERS

CHICAGO TRIBUNE -- JBRODER FROM JERUSALEM (OMITTED EARLIER)

LEAD: SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE WAS TO CARRY HIS  
SEARCH FOR RESUMED MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS MONDAY TO EGYPT  
AFTER A FULL DAY OF MEETINGS WITH ISRAELI LEADERS WHO EX-  
PRESSED THEIR READINESS TO BEGIN DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS AGAIN.

OTHER POINTS:

--VANCE: TALKS WITH BEGIN AND COLLEAGUES "SERIOUS AND USE-  
FUL," BUT REFUSED DISCUSS DETAILS.

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--VANCE CAME TO RESCUE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS WHICH  
APPEARS DISINTEGRATING.

--BEGIN AT PRESS CONFERENCE SAID ISRAEL EAGER FOR ANOTHER  
FONMINS' MEETING TO FOLLOW UP LEEDS. REPEATED ISRAEL'S  
REFUSAL ACCEPT EGYPT'S PRE-CONDITIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

--BEGIN: "WE DO HOPE SECRETARY, DURING MEETINGS WITH SADAT, WILL BRING GOOD NEWS OF A BREAKTHROUGH." VANCE DID NOT SHARE OPTIMISM; REPEATED RELUCTANCE TO CHARACTERIZE DISCUSSIONS UNTIL AFTER REPORTING TO PRESIDENT CARTER.

--BEGIN HINTED VANCE RAISED QUESTION OF SIGNIFICANT ISRAELI WEST BANK, GAZA WITHDRAWAL.

BOSTON HERALD-AMERICAN: NO WALLACH

## 2. WIRES

AP -- BARRY SCHWEID FROM ALEXANDRIA

LEAD: SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS R. VANCE LAUNCHED A LAST-DITCH EFFORT TODAY TO KEEP FLICKERING MIDEAST PEACE HOPES ALIVE BY TRYING TO PERSUADE PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT TO REOPEN FACE-TO-FACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

--"WE ARE STEADFAST IN OUR SEARCH..." VANCE SAID ON ARRIVAL.

--VANCE MET WITH KAMEL AND ALSO SOUGHT SADAT'S ASSESSMENT OF DETERIORATING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND ROLE HE WANTS CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO FILL. NOT KNOWN HOW LONG VANCE WOULD REMAIN IN EGYPT.

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UPI -- ALVIN B. WEBB FROM ALEXANDRIA

LEAD: SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE MET PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT MONDAY IN A LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO PERSUADE HIM TO RESUME DIRECT PEACE TALKS WITH ISRAEL AND PERHAPS TAKE PART IN A THREE-WAY SUMMIT.

OTHER POINTS:

--VANCE MET WITH KAMEL; IN THE EVENING, BEGAN TALKS WITH SADAT.

--VANCE CARRIED A PERSONAL, HAND-WRITTEN LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO SADAT-- SIMILAR TO ONE DELIVERED SUNDAY TO BEGIN -- APPARENTLY PROPOSING A CARTER, SADAT, BEGIN SUMMIT.

--BEGIN BRIEFED CABINET, CONFIRMED THAT US IS PROPOSING THREE-WAY MEETING.

--VANCE'S SHUTTLE MISSION SO FAR HAS APPEARED LIKE A TRANSCONTINENTAL EXERCISE IN FUTILITY.

--ISRAELIS REPORTEDLY GAVE HIM LITTLE MORE THAN "GODSPEED"  
AND EGYPTIANS WERE READY WITH A LIST OF REMINDERS ABOUT  
U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY.

--EGYPTIAN SOURCES SAID SADAT'S ADMINISTRATION HAD A  
STRATEGY SET UP FOR THE SECRETARY -- A DETAILED OUTLINE  
OF U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY GOING BACK TO THE DAYS OF  
SEC STATE ROGERS IN 1969, SHOWING WASHINGTON'S REPEATED  
STATEMENTS FAVORING ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED  
TERRITORIES WITH MINOR BORDER ADJUSTMENTS.

REUTERS -- PETER GREGSON, ALEXANDRIA

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LEAD: SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE WILL PRESENT A NEW  
ELEMENT OF FUTURE ISRAELI POLICY CONCERNING OCCUPIED ARAB  
LANDS WHEN HE MEETS PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT TONIGHT,  
EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS SAID.

OTHER POINTS:

--OFFICIALS SAID THEY UNDERSTOOD VANCE WAS TOLD IN JERU-  
SALEM THAT IF PEACE TALKS WITH EGYPT WERE RESUMED, ISRAEL  
MIGHT GO FURTHER TOWARD MEETING ARAB DEMANDS THAN ITS  
PUBLICLY-STATED POSITION.

--AFTER HIS TALKS WITH VANCE, BEGIN SAID ISRAEL STOOD BY  
ITS PLAN TO GRANT LIMITED SELF-RULE UNDER ISRAELI MILITARY  
AUSPICES TO WEST BANK AND GAZA.

--SECRETARY OF STATE HAD HOPED FOR A SIGNAL OF NEW ISRAELI  
FLEXIBILITY TO HELP COAX EGYPTIANS BACK TO CONFERENCE  
TABLE.

--EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS HERE INITIALLY SKEPTICAL AND SAID  
VANCE WOULD BE QUESTIONED CLOSELY. THEY ADDED THAT VANCE  
WOULD BE PRESUMED TO COMMIT CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO ACT,  
PUT FORWARD ITS OWN PROPOSALS TO SAVE THE PEACE PROCESS.  
VANCE HAS SAID THE UNITED STATES WOULD OFFER PROPOSALS IF  
NECESSARY, BUT WOULD NOT DO SO ON THIS TRIP. AMERICANS  
DO NOT WANT TO PUT FORWARD AN OVERALL PLAN, BUT PRESENT  
INDIVIDUAL PROPOSALS TO SETTLE SPECIFIC DISAGREEMENTS.

REUTERS -- PATRICK MASSEY IN JERUSALEM

LEAD: ISRAELI LEADERS LOOKED HOPEFULLY AFTER DEPARTING  
U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE TODAY AND WAITED TO  
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SEE IF HIS VISIT TO ALEXANDRIA COULD BRING PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT BACK INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE.

OTHER POINTS:

--MR. VANCE'S TWO DAYS APPEARED PRODUCE NO BASIC CHANGE IN ISRAEL'S APPROACH. TWO SIDES MOSTLY RAKED OVER OLD FAMILIAR GROUND, ACCORDING TO AMERICAN SOURCES.

--SOURCES SAID THEY CAME UP WITH NO SIGNIFICANT NEW MOVES THAT MIGHT PERSUADE SADAT TO NEW PEACE TALKS.

--HOPE REMAINED THAT VANCE, FACING PROBABLY THE TOUGHEST ASSIGNMENT OF HIS CAREER, COULD CONVINCE THE EGYPTIAN LEADER OF PERILS THAT MIGHT FOLLOW A FINAL BREAKDOWN OF NEGOTIATIONS.

--VANCE WILL ASK SADAT TO DROP HIS PRE-CONDITION TO TALKS: ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL LANDS CAPTURED IN 1967.

--U.S. SOURCES SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH ISRAELI POLICY WAS DISCUSSED, THERE WAS NO PRESSURE APPLIED ON BEGIN.

### 3. NETWORKS

CBS - NO CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT

NBC -- VALERIANI, IN ALEXANDRIA

VANCE'S HELICOPTER MET BY KAMEL, WHO LET AMERICAN DO ALL THE TALKING AT AIRPORT.

VANCE: "WE ARE STEADFAST" CLIP.

VANCE, KAMEL DIALOGUE FIRST, VANCE WAITING TILL EVENING TO VISIT SADAT, WHO IS FASTING ACCORDING TO RAMADAN.

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VANCE HANDED SADAT PERSONAL CARTER LETTER, REPORTEDLY URGING EGYPTIAN NOT TO LET NEGOTIATIONS DIE OUT. TWO DISCUSSED MANY OPTIONS, BUT EGYPTIAN SOURCES SAY SADAT FEELS HE'S GONE AS FAR AS HE CAN TO MAKE A DEAL; REPORT-EDLY LOSING FAITH IN CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S ABILITY TO ACHIEVE A SATISFACTORY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

ABC -- DUNSMORE, ALEXANDRIA

VANCE ARRIVED EGYPT AFTER TWO DAYS IN ISRAEL THAT EVIDENTLY DID NOT EFFECT ANY CHANGE IN ISRAELI POSITION ON WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES.

ERGO, VANCE WILL HAVE A DIFFICULT JOB HERE. STILL, HE SAID, U.S. WILL PERSEVERE -- "STEADFAST" CLIP.

ONE VANCE OBJECTIVE IS TO PERSUADE EGYPT TO STAY AWAY FROM ANY IMMEDIATE ARAB SUMMITS -- IT'S KNOWN SAUDI ARABIA WOULD LIKE TO GET EGYPT BACK INTO THE ARAB FOLD -- BUT THE U.S. FEELS THAT HOLDING AN ARAB SUMMIT NOW WOULD BE TO PRONOUNCE THE SADAT PEACE INITIATIVE DEAD.

THERE ARE REPORTS THAT VANCE IS CARRYING A CARTER INVITATION FOR SADAT TO VISIT WASHINGTON, POSSIBLY FOR 3-WAY SUMMIT WITH BEGIN. ISRAELI SOURCES SAY VANCE WILL BE BACK IN MIDDLE EAST IN TWO WEEKS.

WHILE NO CONFIRMATIONS TO STORIES, COMMON THREAD IS U.S. DEDICATED EFFORTS TO KEEP PEACE INITIATIVE ALIVE, DOING SO FOR MOMENT WITHOUT MUCH HELP FROM THE PRINCIPALS. CHRISTOPHER

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